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SUBJECT: BROADBENT REBUKED ON FOREIGN INVESTMENT POSITION

1. COMMENTS MADE LAST WEEKEND BY NDP LEADER ED  
BROADBENT TO THE EFFECT THAT THE TWO MAJOR PARTIES  
HAVE BEEN SLOW TO REACT TO PUBLIC OPINION ON THE  
NEED TO REDUCE FOREIGN OWNERSHIP IN CANADA HAVE NOT  
BEEN WELCOMED HERE. IN PRESS INTERVIEWN FORMER  
ATLANTIC PROVINCES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESIDENT  
HARVEY WEBBER REJECTED BROADBENT'S POSITION AND  
SAID THAT, INSTEAD OF DISCOURAGING FOREIGN INVESTMENT,

"WE SHOULD WELCOME (IT) AND EVEN GO AROUND THE WORLD  
AGGRESSIVELY SEEKING IT." WEBBER NOTED THAT PAST  
INDUSTRIAL FAILURES IN ATLANTIC CANADA HAVE DAMPENED  
THE NATIVE ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT AND HAVE LED MARITIMERS  
AWAY FROM RISK-TAKING.

2. IN EDITORIAL ENTITLED "BROADBENT'S BLINDNESS",  
AUG 15 HALIFAX CHRONICLE-HERALD ECHOES WEBBER'S  
COMMENTS AND CONCLUDES WITH:

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TALK IS CHEAP. IT IS ONE THING TO  
BELABOUR TORONTO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS  
ABOUT THE EVILS OF FOREIGN OWNERSHIP.  
IT IS QUITE ANOTHER THING TO HARASS  
EXISTING AND POTENTIAL FOREIGN INVESTORS  
AND RISK EVEN MORE ECONOMIC HARDSHIP  
IN CANADA.

THANKS BUT NO THANKS, MR. BROADBENT.  
NOVA SCOTIA IS QUITE HAPPY WITH THE  
FOREIGN INVESTORS WE NOW HAVE. WHAT  
WE NEED ARE MANY, MANY MORE.

3. COMMENT: HARD-LINING ECONOMIC NATIONALISM IS  
SEEN HERE AS A TYPICAL FORM OF OFFENSIVE NONSENSE  
WHICH ONLY CLOUD-CUCKOO THEORISTS WITHIN THE GOLDEN  
TRIANGLE CAN AFFORD TO VOICE. WHAT MAY SEEM TO  
BROADBENT TO BE PATRIOTISM SEEMS TO MARITIMERS TO  
BE THREATS TO THEIR PRESENT AND FUTURE WELL-BEING.  
HIS COMMENTS, THEREFORE, ARE HARDLY LIKELY TO AID  
NDP CANDIDATES IN THE CURRENT NOVA SCOTIA ELECTION  
CAMPAIGN. END COMMENT.  
MOORE

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